

**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020

**To:** Reporters and Editors

**From:** Office of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown

**Re:** No Photo Op Will Make Ohioans Forget Trump's Betrayal of Lordstown

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In 2017, President Trump told a Mahoning Valley crowd, 'don't move, don't sell your houses' because jobs were coming back to the Valley under his Administration. Then, when GM announced it was closing its Lordstown plant and abandoning thousands of workers, President Trump did nothing as autoworkers pled with the White House to step in and push GM to do the right thing.

On Thursday, Vice President Pence will travel to Lordstown for a PR campaign meant to distract Ohioans from the Administration's betrayal of workers across the Mahoning Valley. But Ohioans know better.

Autoworkers in the Valley remember President Trump's broken promises. They don't need another photo op, they need action.

Below is an overview of Sen. Brown's work to get the President to take action to help autoworkers in the Valley and the President's ongoing failure to do so.

### **Urging President Trump to Step In**

Senator Brown spoke with President Trump about the Lordstown plant twice. He first called the President in June 2018 and asked him to help prevent job losses in Lordstown after GM announced plans to lay off the second shift. The President did nothing.

Brown spoke with President Trump again in November of 2018, asked him to support his *American Cars, American Jobs Act*, and the President said he liked the bill. Brown's office sent a copy of the bill to the White House, but no action was taken by the President.

Brown also [slammed the President](#) for boasting about car companies opening up shop in Ohio at the same time GM was laying off its third and final shift of workers in Lordstown and moving production of the Chevy Cruze to Mexico.

### **American Cars, American Jobs Act**

Last month, [Brown wrote to President Trump](#) following recent comments the President made on a Toledo radio station about the importance of bringing back auto manufacturing jobs to the U.S. and building cars domestically. Brown again called on President Trump to put his words into action by supporting Brown's *American Cars, American Jobs Act*, which an expert [witness said would 'absolutely' help American](#) autoworkers and [the Toledo Blade editorialized would](#) "put America and American workers first."

Last March, Brown reintroduced his [American Cars, American Jobs Act](#), legislation that would:

- Give customers a \$3,500 discount when they buy cars made in America and a \$4,500 discount if that American car is electric or a plug-in hybrid;
- and revoke a special GOP tax cut on overseas profits for auto manufacturers that ship jobs overseas.

Brown's bill would benefit Ohio companies and workers throughout the auto supply chain. The legislation would put U.S.-made cars on equal footing with foreign-made vehicles and update the tax code to remove incentives for auto companies to offshore jobs.

## **Calling on President Trump to Put Public Pressure on GM**

As President Trump traveled to Cleveland, Ohio in May 2018 to tout his corporate tax cuts, [Brown called on the President](#) to join him in urging General Motors to use their massive windfall from tax cuts to keep jobs in Ohio.

**“I hope President Trump will join me in calling on GM to save these jobs when he is in Ohio tomorrow,” said Brown. “GM is getting billions in tax cuts. They can write off the entire cost of retooling the plant to save these jobs and meet market demands in the same year they make the investment. There’s no excuse for them not to do it.”**

President Trump never called on GM to use its tax savings to protect jobs in the Valley.

### **Read More:**

- [\*\*Brown Slams President Trump for Boasting About Auto Jobs as Lordstown Workers Face Plant Closure\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Brown Calls On President Trump to Join Him in Urging GM to Use Tax Windfall to Keep Jobs in Ohio\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Brown Fires Back at Trump, Calls on President to Support Bill to Keep Lordstown Workers on the Job\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Brown Blasts President Trump, GM CEO Mary Barra for Comments on Lordstown\*\*](#)
- [\*\*On Senate Floor, Brown Again Calls on President Trump to Step Up and Support Auto Jobs as Falcon Transport in Youngstown Closes\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Brown to Highlight President’s Betrayal of Workers with State of The Union Guest\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Brown to Trump: Back Up Your Words on Auto Jobs with Action, Support My Bill\*\*](#)

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